(c) what action the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Memorandum contains mainly the problems of floods and drainage etc. in West Bengal including the issues regarding Farakka and sharing of Ganga waters.

(c) All possible measures are being taken by the Government of India with regard to the issues raised in the Memorandum.

Minorities Commission

52. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the time by when a new Chairman and members of the Minorities Commission are likely to be appointed; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the powers of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE [DR. (SMT.) RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI] : (a) The term of the present Chairman has been extended till further orders. One new Member namely Sh. Homi JMH. Taleyarkhan has joined the Commission on 16th November 1985. No definite time schedule can be indicated for filling up of the remaining posts of Members.

(b) No, Sir.

Night Shelters

53. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal under consideration to construct night shelters in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : Yes, Sir. In the 7th Five Year Plan, a proposal for construction of 25 night shelters in different parts of Delhi has been approved with an outlay of Rs. 3.00 crores. For 1985-86, construction of 7 night shelters is being taken up with an approved outlay of Rs. 70 lakhs. The Slum Wing of DDA is already operating 10 night shelters in different parts of Delhi.

Regularisation of Government Accommodation in the Names of Dependents of Deceased Employees of Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi

54. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 179 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1983 and state:

(a) what are the names of the dependents of the deceased employees of the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi in whose names the Government quarters allotted to their parents have not yet been regularised and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any representations have been received from the Members of Parliament in this regard;

(c) by when Government propose to regularise the quarters in their names; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against the officials responsible for the delay in the regularisation of the quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) 1. Shri Pradip Kumar S/o Late Sh. Harish Chander.

2. Shri Rajkumar, S/o Late Sh. J.L. Passi.

3. Shri Hari Singh, S/o Late Lachman Singh.

4. Shri Desh Rattan Gupta, S/o Late Sh. R.P. Gupta. The quarters allotted to the parents were not regularised as their cases were not covered by the relevant rules/ orders.

(b) Yes, Sir. In the case of Shri Hari Singh, Smt. Sudha Vijay Joshi wrote for regularisation of quarter allotted to the parent of the person.

(c) It is not proposed to regularise the quarter as their cases are not covered by relevant rules/orders as already mentioned in answer to part (a) of the question.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer to part (c) of the question.

Circulation of 'Bijnor Times' and 'Chingari' Newspapers

55. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the daily circulation of the newspapers 'Bijnor Times' and 'Chingari' published from Bijnor; and

(b) what is the monthly quota of newsprint received by these newspapers stating criteria for fixing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The average circulation of 'Bijnor Times' is 12,394 copies and that of 'Chingari' 1,150 copies per publishing day.

(b) Newsprint is allocated to newspapers on year basis. The quantity of newsprint to be allocated is determined on the basis of actual consumption of newsprint during the preceding year taking into account the average circulation, average number of pages, average page area published and the number of publishing days.

Whereas no application for allocation of newsprint has been received by the Registrar of Newspapers for India from the publisher of 'Chingari' the present entitlement of newsprint in respect of 'Bijnore Times' has been worked out at 120.61 metric tonnes approximately.

Issue of Periodicals by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

56. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the position of punctuality and regularity of issue of various periodicals which are being brouhgt out by the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and

(b) what is the profit and loss account of the Publications Division for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) The Publications Division is bringing out 21 periodicals, i.e. 7 monthlies, 11 fortnightlies & 3 weeklies. Out of these periodicals Ajkal (Urdu), Indian and Foreign Review (English) and Kurukshetra in English and Hindi are at present behind schedule by one month. The rest are being released on time.

(b) The Publications Division is a publicity oriented department and as such they are not required to maintain a profit and loss account. However, a statement showing the expenditure incurred and revenue